Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A message router for routing a message between a protocol gateway and a server, the message router comprising:

an authenticator to authenticate an origin of a message, said authenticator authenticating said origin of said message before said message is routed by said message router between a protocol gateway and a server; and

a database accessible by said message router and adapted to store information relating to routing and authentication of said origin of said message.

20. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said server is a least recently used protocol gateway.

21. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said server is a least recently used message router.

22. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said message router routes said message to a most specific server corresponding to a message key.

23. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said message router routes said message based on a content of said message.

24. (currently amended) A method of routing a message between a protocol gateway and a server comprising:

authenticating an origin of said message before a message is routed by ~~said~~ a message router between a protocol gateway and a server;

accessing a database by said message router; and

storing information relating to routing and authentication of said origin of said message.

25. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, wherein:

said server is a least recently used protocol gateway.

26. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, wherein:

said server is a least recently used message router.

27. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, further comprising:

routing said message to a most specific server corresponding to a message key.

28. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, further comprising:

routing said message based on a content of said message.

29. (currently amended) An apparatus for routing a message between a protocol gateway and a server comprising:

means for authenticating an origin of a message before said message is routed by ~~said~~ a message router between a protocol gateway and a server;

means for accessing a database by said message router; and

means for storing information relating to routing and authentication of said origin of said message.

30. (previously presented) The apparatus for routing a message according to claim 29, wherein:

said server is a least recently used protocol gateway.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus for routing a message according to claim 29, wherein:

said server is a least recently used message router.

32. (previously presented) The apparatus for routing a message according to claim 29, further comprising:

means for routing said message to a most specific server corresponding to a message key.

33. (previously presented) The apparatus for routing a message according to claim 29, further comprising:

means for routing said message based on a content of said message.

34-41. (canceled)